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Applicant: Bernhard KERN

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**SIMULTANEOUS AMENDMENT**

August 9, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Simultaneously with filing of a Request for Continuing  
Examination, please amend the application as follows: